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Student Impressions of Presidential Candidates

by Norman Minnick, Jr.

Students had the opportunity to have lunch with each of the presidential candidates and ask questions. The candidates are Dr. Ralf Pearson, Vice president for Academic Affairs at University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota; Mr. John D. Short, Executive Director of Sports Facilities at IUPUI here in Indianapolis; and Dr. Robert Abene, Vice President and Chief Administrator for the Division of Student Development and is also a member of the President's Administrative Board at Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

When asked of his impression so far, Dr. Ralf Pearson said that he saw Marian as a community that cared for and served its people. He was impressed most by the relationship of faculty to students, and said as a president he would communicate on a consistent basis with the students even if it were to visit the dorms and have pizza with the students. "The president is a member of the learning community," Pearson said.

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Dog Talk Blesses Marian with Reggae

by Wendy Nine

Thursday night the Marian College auditorium resonated with the sound of the local band Dog Talk as students and fans danced and swayed to reggae music. The concert was put on to benefit the Julian Center, a home for battered women and children. It was sponsored by the music club and the St. Francis Hall Council. The event was free of charge, but donations were accepted.

Around 75 people showed up for the benefit that was supposed to be held outdoors at the new amphitheater. It was moved into the auditorium due to the cool weather. Jim Lerner, a music professor at Marian even played a few tunes with the band.

Out of Sight, Out of Mind: A Walk Around the Unseen Areas on Campus

by Viviane Seumel

With Marian's new and improved sidewalks, joggers, roller bladers, and people strolling can be seen at all times all around campus. Many of them enjoy the new fountain, the Amphitheater, and maybe even the roads. But, there is one area on campus that is less popular and almost unknown with many members of the college community because it is on the outskirts of the Marian property and because it is not the beautiful nature park it is supposed to be. Areas of the wetlands are a construction trash site. Many things that had to be removed or was left over from making the rest of the campus more aesthetic has been dumped in the wetlands in a so-called temporary construction storage.

Take a walk beyond the campus apartments some sunny afternoon and see what the wetlands have to offer today. Maybe you can even take your parents there on graduation day or when they come to help you move out. Or if you are one of the students who give campus tours, show the prospective students and their families Marian's wetlands that are so proudly described in our College Catalogue. When you do go to the wetlands, you will find garbage bags full of unknown contents; plastic bottles and aluminum cans; rubber gloves; tires; roof tiles; mounts of dirt, rocks, and rubbish; and rusted fencing materials. You will find cut and fallen trees; large blocks of valuable limestone; trees permanently damaged by construction vehicles; and even a drum in the water.

The wetlands have great potential to be one of the most interesting spots on this campus. There is a beautiful lake behind Allison Mansion with lilly pads and ducks. There is a variety of fauna as well as many species of birds, foxes, and even a beaver dam in the wetlands. Science classes, such as Biology and Environmental Ethics could take the theories into a real nature setting. Many feel that the Marian community could have their own nature park if the wetlands were more than just a hidden dump for the construction company's trash.



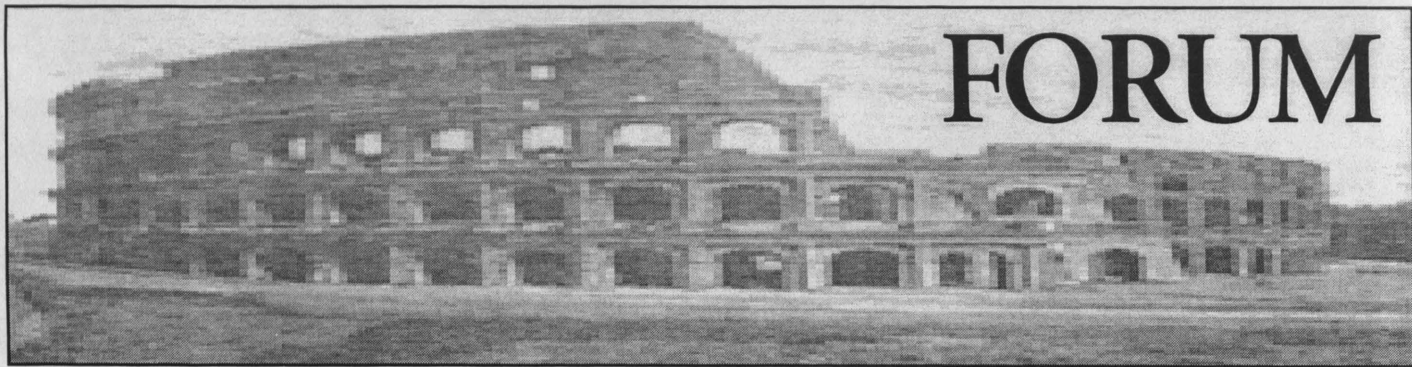
Storage area and basketball goal beside St. Francis looking toward Doyle Hall.



Cut trees being stored near wetlands.



Temporary storage has foliage growing among it.



FORUM

Letters to the Editor:

You can please part of the people some of the time...

The saying goes something like this: You can please part of the people some of the time, but not all of the people all of the time. When one devotes their life to theatre, they learn to live by this motto. As a theatre major, I strive to give my best performance every time. I like to think that everyone who sees me will think I am fabulous and that a big shot director will walk into Piene Theatre and announce that I am exactly what he has been looking for. I am realistic enough to know this is just a dream and in reality, people may not appreciate what I do, they may not enjoy the show, they may even believe a dive into arctic waters would be more fulfilling than sitting through the current play. These are opinions I respect and try to accept. I do theatre because I love it. I do it in the hopes that I will affect someone's life in a positive manner. Theatre is my passion-my life! It brings me great joy to be able to share that with others. As performers, we cannot guarantee a stellar performance. We cannot even promise satisfaction. What we are able to do is put ourselves on the line. We give our all in hopes that the audience has an enjoyable time. For this effort, we ask that people are honest in their opinions of our work. Along with this honesty, we expect accuracy when being critiqued. We enjoy when our names are spelled correctly. Wendy Nine's review of Barefoot in the Park neglected to do this. Five out of the six actors and characters listed had misspellings in their names. Free programs containing correct spellings of cast members and characters are given to every audience member. Nine's sentence beginning "The lead cast included" and goes on to list the names is also misinforming. Every character in a play is not considered a lead. The leads would be the characters with the majority of the lines; the ones who carry the main story. As for the questioning of the value of Miss Nine's time, Sunday, April 18, happened to be Performing Arts Day on campus and we were holding the show for people who donate lots of money and are very supportive to the department. Their activities ran over, causing a delayed start. This inconvenience happened once out of six shows and was due to scheduling conflicts. If Dr. Felicetti wants to see a show, you give him some leadway! We appreciate the opinions and criticism of others, they allow us to grow, but in the next reviewing of a show, please respect us enough to be accurate.

—Denise Stockdale, Junior

But why should you hold up the entire play just because Dr. Felicetti is the President? He has had as much notification as anyone else. He should be as responsible as everyone else. By holding up the play, you are saying that he is better than everyone else. The editors disagree.

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A Dada Suggestion

I personally would be willing to shave Mark Hall's legs next year in front of his class or anyone else if he's needing suggestions on how to top shaving his head. Pass this on to the old bald one.

—Penny Fisher, Student

Editorial: No Bones About it

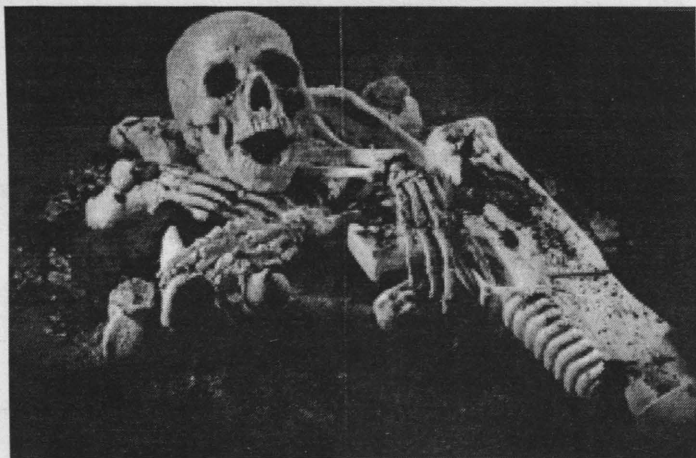
by Norman Minnick, Jr.

On Tuesday, April 20 in Littleton, Colorado two students walked into their school and shot and killed 14 fellow students and one teacher. Three weeks later, on May 1, the folks at Marian College and Kramer International invite students, faculty and staff, and their families to come out and pretend to shoot and kill everyone in sight, including fellow students.

I know, I know...this is all in fun, but in light of the devastating situation in Littleton, has no one paused to consider the irony? Marian is a school that adheres to certain Franciscan Values. Many feel that this alone would be enough for the removal of this event, which is even more in poor taste considering what is in the newspapers.

The event was probably planned way before the massacre in Colorado and cancelling it might constitute a monetary loss to the school, but what is more important, money or values?

We can do away with the Homely Coming Queen Contest because it does not adhere to our Franciscan Values. However, how can we sponsor something that is so against the dignity of the individual, reconciliation, and peace and justice? Did we forget our values?



*An image appearing on posters and table tents
advertising the event on campus.*

Letters to the Editor

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or be put in the **Carbon mail box** in the faculty mailroom.

Believe it... or Else

THE RANTS AND RAVINGS OF CHRISTIAN RAGAN

- Before *Saturday Night Live*, Chevy Chase originally wrote for *Mad Magazine*.
- George Washington wrote the first patent. It was for soap.
- The night before Mel Gibson had his first audition for the movie *Mad Max*, he was beaten up by some drunks. Gibson got the part because the director was looking for someone who looked worn down.
- Dunkin' Donuts once thought about test marketing barbecued flavored doughnuts. The idea was rejected.

And Now I Must Say Adieu, or There is Life Outside the First Floor of Marian Hall

by Norman Minnick, Jr.

As I look back on my time as an editor of the paper you are reading, I am proud to know that we have accomplished many of the towering goals we set for ourselves. We managed to squeeze out an issue almost every week rather than the every-so-often as before. We gave the *Carbon* a flashy new look, and we have featured stories and editorials that were stimulating and important. Did I say stimulating?

Though there have been a few mundane issues and a very small number of typos (I may never learn how to spell amphitheatre), I am proud to have been an integral part of such issues as the College Television Network. We were told that the students voted in favor of the network, but due to the stand against it in the *Carbon*, Marian has chosen not to pursue the service.

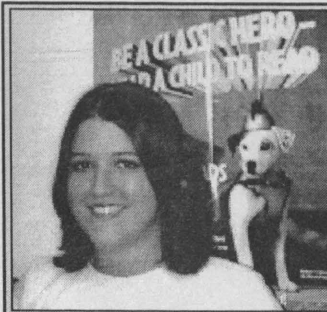
We have raised the issues that are important to students such as campus recycling (and that we still don't recycle), the Admission's poor use of funds in acquiring an outside consultant to tell them what they should already have known, the Maintenance Department and its chemical contribution to the campus without warning, and the uncomfortable living and dining experience on campus.

My belief that the *Carbon* serves as a forum for the students' voice still stands and shall remain as such into the future. I hope that students become more and more involved in issues that concern them and use the *Carbon* as their platform.

As an editor I have been accused of making life "interesting" for those on the first floor of Marian Hall. But the fact that the administrative folks hear our voice once in a while makes me happy. What we the students and faculty love about Marian is the community, and it should never be hampered by stuffy shirts behind large desks. The students and faculty are the people I refer to. We are the people responsible for this community. We are Marian College.

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There are many things that I will miss from my time at Marian. It all began with the stupidly trivial episode of being kicked off the cycling team for using the term asshole on a race flyer...and it all went down hill from there: being slighted and not having the opportunity to graduate in the honors program for a measly gen-ed requirement; for all the horrible service and stale bread at Clare's Four Star Café (I am now a connoisseur of whipped cream cheese); the brown water in the dorms; the speedy maintenance who when driving from the back of campus to the front entrance ran out of gas; the time my family and I were kicked out of the mansion; pondering the existence of God in a horse stable; breathing asbestos while taking final exams; the turning of the tables at the Humanities exam; falling ceiling tiles; my always smooth working relationship with a certain German newspaper editor who thinks that even as a joke, it's no excuse...the purple carpet in the library! But there is one thing I will miss the most and I will be sure to let you know when that time comes.



See Ya!

by Angela Hatem

Angela's Ashes

Farewell Redman. So long Long. Be seeing ya Portee. May 8, while garnished in your prettiest dress or your most debonair suit, you are going to receive your walking papers from Marian College. The time has come where pomp and circumstance is more than a song; it is a way of life. You've served your time in Gen Ed classes; you have paid your dues to the Business Office; you've maxed out your Visa by ordering too much Papa John's. Your college experience is complete.

It's taken four or five years, but now your derriere is worthy of the folding chair in the colonnade, of the crisp paper with your name penned in calligraphy, and the fuzzy bear in the cap and gown holding the diploma. Whether it was worth all the heartache might depend upon how big your paycheck is or how happy you feel when you get up in the morning for work. It is entirely up to you. But your presence and its soon disappearance has been noticed. The end of an era is upon us.

Not that commencement can be compared to Armageddon, but the upheaval of society as I know it has begun. No sooner has the last graduation check been cashed when I will bear the mark of The Senior. It was either through the mercy of God or a severe computer glitch that I have earned enough credits to finish school in May of Y2K. I have no more excuses and no more time. The time to slack is through. Only one year stands between me, a cap, a gown, a tassel, and a life filled with I haven't a clue what; I am amazed by how quickly time

has ticked its way by.

I don't feel any older than the day I arrived in '96 with far too many knick knacks and not enough sweaters. Sometimes I feel smarter, but then I'll spell the word grammar wrong, or I'll trip on a flight of two stairs and realize where my intelligence level truly lies. I am more understanding. I understand that when a professor says read pages 100-150, that it's more than a suggestion. I have also accepted that no one owes me any favors. I know that if you wash your delicacies in normal wash, they'll survive, that there is no cure to naivete other than making a fool of one's self, and that I am no better than anyone else.

I have picked up a few tricks on the way, but being grown up is scary. In a matter of months my whole life lies in front of me. I could get a job at a major metropolitan newspaper; I could get married and start a family; I could be sucked into some cult where they pay homage to a hamster named Spinxter; I could take up under water basket weaving professionally, or I could be passing out incense on 38th street.

The future is far too cloudy and there is always the danger of an iceberg right ahead. I am hoping that when it is time for me to shake the President's hand and gracefully exit with my diploma, I will become suddenly enlightened and sure of my life's course.

The only sure thing at the moment is I'll be back. To the dismay of the Marian community, you have not heard the last of me. Only the next time we meet, I'll be a year older and nine months closer.

My God! She's Everywhere!



Sports Update

BASEBALL REMAINS IN HUNT FOR CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Baseball Team rallied back from a 5-1 deficit by scoring 9 runs on 7 hits to defeat Huntington 10-5. The win improved the Knights to 13-5 in MCC play and only one game back for the MCC crown. In a make-up of a rained out game, Huntington took an early 3-0 lead on a home run by the Foresters. Catcher Brian Brown homered for the Knights to pull Marian to 3-1, but Huntington then extended the lead to 5-1 in the fourth inning. Marian could only muster 2 hits through 5 innings of play. But the bats came alive in the sixth inning, when the Knights rallied for 9 runs. Included in the onslaught was Brown's second homer of the day. He drove the pitch over the fence in left field to score him and Chris Goins. Shawn Harmon picked up 4th win of the season.

In other baseball news, Craig Prifogle was named MCC Pitcher of the Week, as he led Marian to a 4-0 victory over Huntington. In the game he faced only 21 batters, giving up one hit, and striking out 7 batters. For the year, Prifogle is 6-1 with a 0.50 ERA, best in the MCC. Scott Selm is third in the MCC in pitching with a 1.17 ERA.

SOFTBALL NEWS

The Softball team swept a double header from the Grace Lancers 3-2 and 6-0. Shelly Lamb and Dawn Kurtz picked up wins for the Knights. The two wins helped The Lady Knights improve to 7-5 in MCC play. They finish out conference play on Saturday April 24 with a twin bill with the Lady Trojans of Taylor. If they sweep Taylor, the Lady Knights will finish 2nd in the MCC and be seeded second in the conference tournament held May 5-7 at Indiana Wesleyan.

In softball news, Ginny Beard was named MCC Player of the Week, as she led the Lady Knights in wins over St. Mary of the Woods and Bethel. In those games, Beard hit 4 home runs, 3 in one game against St Mary of the Woods. The fourth home run against Bethel proved to be the game winning hit as the Lady Knights defeated the MCC leaders 2-1. Kurtz leads the pitching staff in ERA with a 1.18 ERA, good for second in the MCC. Holli Fouch leads the team in hitting with a .355 while Beards .601 Slugging percentage is second among all conference hitters.

CYCLING

The cycling team was gearing up for the regional championships in St. Louis the weekend of printing. They will be going to Nationals in the end of May.

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"He had concern for the students and welcomed student and faculty input. He also showed interest in cleaning up the dorms," Angela Hatem, Junior said. "[Pearson] had an opinion, and said it. I appreciate that."

Pearson showed great concern for the needs of the students and says he feels comfortable in the academic area. His dream as president would be to raise the academic profile of the school, and improve resources on the student and faculty level such as better living environment and faculty resources. He was focused on academics and seems to be a scholarly person.

The second candidate, Mr. John D. Short, said that his dream for Marian would be to have a secure future and for all areas of administration such as the financial department and the student affairs department to work together smoothly. Short believes that students should be prepared to leave Marian with values and the ability to think in a fast-paced world. He feels that there should be a forum for students to communicate their needs.

"He [Short] was personable and willing to listen, but he didn't seem to want to directly answer any of the questions," senior Mike Dukehart said.

"Short doesn't seem to have experience in the areas we need. He is not well rounded," Senior Stephanie Pacheco said. "I don't feel he has any short-term or long-term goals."

Short and his corporate connections could prove beneficial in raising funds, but the question remains whether or not purely financial advantages can really create a good college community. "Marian needs fresh ideas, and since he is on the Board of Trustees, he might have the same ideas we have already had," Dukehart said.

The last candidate to visit campus was Dr. Robert M. Abene. His main goal for Marian is in the development of programs. He said that he is totally committed to taking programs to the next level and that students can become more involved in the decision making process.

"Students can be very instrumental in getting institutions to move on certain issues," Abene said.

"He is very personable and easy to talk to," Sophomore, Mike Simons said, "He has a lot of energy."

Special Guest Appearance: Return of the Prodigal Son

Former *Carbon* editor Daniel Przybyla stopped by during the layout phase of this issue. Przybyla is now a star reporter for the *LaPorte Herald-Argus* in LaPorte, Indiana.

He submitted a quote to fill this space: "Norm, it's called the Allen Whitehill Clowes Amphitheater!"

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VECTOR

Review:

Ezra Pound, T. S. Eliot, William Carlos Williams, Captain Kirk

by Robert Pedtke

Monday night, April 26, was the last Marian-organized poetry reading of this semester at Mugsy's Pizzeria. The event started at 8:30p.m. and was probably one of the liveliest of its kind this semester due to its being counted as a cultural event for the Humanities students.

Mugsy's, the little restaurant located at 3117 W. 30th Street, was a full house by 9:00 P.M. with at least fifty Marian students crammed into its back room. The room was filled with excitement and smoke as the audience roared with pleasure at the souls brave enough to get up and read their personal poetry. Several poems by T. S. Eliot and William Carlos Williams were selected by Professor Larry Atwood to entice and educate the Humanities crowd.

Poetry readings in general are the kind of things that have very ambiguous outcomes; whether

they are successful is solely up to those who attend and the general mood of the environment.

Some highlights included Atwood's standing on a table and reciting sections from Eliot's "J. Alfred Prufrock" while impersonating William Shatner (Captain Kirk). Professor Dave Shumate read from his well-known prose selections, and Norman Minnick and Emily Persic read from their stash of poetry.

It's always interesting to see who's going to be impressive. You expect a show from the regulars, but every once and a while a newcomer will stand up and steal the show.

If, next semester, the opportunity to attend a poetry reading presents itself, take it. They aren't nearly as dull as the name suggests, and if they are, you can always leave. The last one at Mugsy's was down right entertaining.